

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. **(currently amended):** A process for producing a composite semipermeable membrane which comprises forming on a surface of a porous supporting film a thin film comprising a polyamide resin obtained by reacting an aqueous solution comprising a polyfunctional amine ingredient with a polyfunctional acid ingredient in the presence of at least an alkali metal hydroxide and an organic acid,

wherein the polyfunctional amine ingredient is aromatic or aliphatic,

wherein the ratio of the normality of the alkali metal hydroxide to that of the organic acid to be mixed therewith (alkali metal hydroxide/organic acid) is from 1.2/1 to 0.9/1, and

wherein the thin film is heated to 100°C or higher, ~~and~~

wherein the organic acid contains a sulfo group, and

wherein the aqueous solution has a pH of 5-11.

2. **(currently amended):** The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the thin film is formed by brining ~~an~~ the aqueous solution prepared by mixing at least the polyfunctional amine ingredient the alkali metal hydroxide, the organic acid, and water in contact with an organic solution containing the polyfunctional acid ingredient to cause interfacial polymerization.

3-4. (canceled).

5. (original): The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the organic acid is an organic acid which does not have a long-chain alkyl group having 6 or more carbon atoms.

6-16. (canceled).

17. (new): The process for as claimed in claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution has a pH of 6.1 to 9.7.